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A Nut for the Wool Growers.

If the same amount of assiduity could be seen in other missionary labor, as has been evinced in the effort to convert the wool growing districts to the belief, that through the instrumentality of Mr. Morrill the increased tax on wool was put on the Tariff bill, there would soon be no "waste places of Zion." Industrious men have gone from door to door in this sort of portraiture.

It was somewhat difficult to combat the well established prejudice, that Mr. Morrill was devoted to the interests of the manufacturers. Still the effort met with some success.

Senator Wilson, on Friday, in debate on the Tariff bill, very ineffectually, but unfortunate for Mr. Morrill, pricked the bubble.

Perley's dispatch to the Boston Journal of Saturday last, reports as follows:

"Mr. Wilson said that the high duties on wool and iron were put on the Tariff bill against the wishes of the chairman of the house committee of Ways and Means; i. e. in opposition to the wishes of Mr. Morrill—the wool grower's friend."

Mr. Wilson is we believe, one of the committee of Ways and Means and knew whereof he affirmed. How do our friends, the wool growers of Addison county and vicinity, like this development? It may cause them to look with suspicion upon other claims set up by these zealous partisans.

If it were really true that Mr. Morrill is so devoted to the interests of the wool growers, how could it have happened, that he or his friends are to be credited, has not only made the Tariff bills but passed them, almost single handed, should never have thought to look after and foster this home interest before. How happened it during the war, for the most part wool brought but comparatively little more than the old prices, while gold and almost everything else, brought twice or three times their former rates. How has it happened too that this Tariff bill has been postponed till the very last moment, so that large importations should have been made, to cheat the wool growers out of their expected profits?

How does it come about that this bill, if it pass at all, which is very doubtful, will escape defeat as by fire?

Mr. Walton's Journal, with its usual consistency and truthfulness, denies that it changed Judge Poland with the responsibility of representing Mr. Morrill as opposing the appointment of General Stannard, and in the same breath says Judge Poland did try by intent to misrepresent Mr. Morrill in the matter. Do two blacks make one white, or two falsehoods one truth?

We do not believe that Mr. Morrill will ever publicly assert that he did not oppose the appointment of General Stannard. If he does, we shall repeat such statements by such witnesses as General Stannard and our senators.

Even if what they claim were true, it helps the case but slightly so far as any devotion to the interests of the soldiery is concerned. Neither the Free Press nor the Journal claim that he responded to the call of the senators to assist them in securing the appointment of General Stannard. The military evidently think they who are not with them, are against them.

The Difference.

A little while since several papers of the state, amused themselves in pointing out the corruption of a certain corporation which it was then supposed would give its influence in support of Judge Poland. An attempt was made to play upon the prejudices of the people against this corporation, which it was asserted used the money which should be divided among the stockholders, to further their own private and political ends. Perhaps this argument will work by inversion.

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General Stannard affirms that his appointment was opposed by Mr. Morrill. Senators Edmunds and Poland say the same, also that Messes. Baxter and Morrill did succeed in getting a postponement of Mr. Clapp's removal, and that it was only by the intercession of Sec. Stanton that they were able to secure the change. Mr. Morrill's friends do not claim that he gave Gen. Stanton any aid—simply that he did not oppose him.

The military organization of Burlington somewhat emphatically express its opinion on the subject, by supporting Judge Poland in the nomination of delegates to the Chittenden county convention.

Mr. Morrill's devotion to the interests of the soldiery is aptly illustrated by the character of the men who hold the offices of emoluments in that department, in his district. The U. S. Marshal is a civilian—a man of large wealth, estimated to be worth two hundred thousand dollars. The Provost Marshal is also a civilian and has no claim to the position save that he is a wife puller.

These facts show the position which Mr. Morrill would be likely to take in reference to Gen. Stannard's appointment.

CONNECTION.—In the report of the Essex county republican convention, given in this paper two weeks ago, there was a mistake in printing the names of the nominees for associate judges. It should have read Joseph W. Cooper and Richard Small.

Mr. Morrill and his Tariff.

The N. Y. Evening Post and the N. Y. Times seem to entertain a rather contemptuous opinion of Mr. Morrill and his tariff. The Post, which is usually very temperate in the expression of its opinions speaks of the tariff in the following terms of unmerited denunciation:

"We advise congress to examine closely Mr. Morrill's bill. It can not do anything to increase the revenue; it will rather enormously diminish the revenue. But it will, if passed, accomplish some other purposes, decidedly injurious to the country. It will still further increase the present distressingly high prices, for instance; it will still further increase the profits of a few favored manufacturing capitalists; and it may give a fatal blow to the party which passes it: for it is not to be supposed that the country is going to endure such cruel and selfish and injurious taxation from any party."

The whole tenor of this tariff is the protection of a comparatively few manufacturing capitalists, thus destroying our commerce by shutting out competition from abroad and maintaining high prices to an extravagant extent.

Of the arguments advanced by Mr. Morrill in support of his tariff the Post does not speak very respectfully, and handles his pretentious claims to the title of the "Farmers' Friend" without mercy, exposing their hollowness most effectually.

The Post, in the following paragraph, evidently considers Mr. Morrill the chosen protector of the manufacturer to the absolute injury of the agricultural interests, and considers that it adopted by Congress the inevitable tendency of the tariff is toward a disastrous diminution of the revenue:

"Mr. Morrill ascertained that the supply of labor is largely deficient here, and exposed himself, fearful that every man could not find work. Could anything be more absurd! Yet to this are the advocates of protection or rather prohibition reduced. To make a case, he makes a most painful mouth about the country. We cannot, it seems, export manufactures and foreign nations will wind none of our corn and wheat, beef or pork, sat anything like what it costs to produce them?" But why does it cost so much to produce them? Is not because Mr. Morrill and his fellow protectionists have made iron, which the farmer needs for tools, so high, by their "protective" duties?

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